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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 10, 2006. A request for a three-month extension of time, to extend the period of timely response from January 10, 2007 to April 10, 2007, is provided herewith.

Reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks herein is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.